

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, line 1, please delete "DESCRIPTION".

Page 1, between line 2 and 3, please insert:

B 4 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, between line 6 and 7, please insert:

B 2 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 22 to 42 without prejudice and add the following claims 43 to 75:

B 3 43. A cosmetic preparation consisting of a gel comprising undissolved water-swollen particles of at least one superabsorbing polymer.

44. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 1, wherein the water-swollen polymer particles have particle diameters that are less than or equal to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

45. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 44, wherein said particle diameters are from 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

46. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 43, which reversibly forms a grainy, uneven, light-scattering surface at an interface with a gaseous substance and a smooth, level, non-light-scattering surface at an interface with a solid.